Category I Drugs

3753. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 666 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sera and Vaccines fall in Category-I and were also included in the list of drugs required for National Health Programme and sent to his Ministry by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare *on 31st July, 1987;*

(b) whether Kelkar Committee recommendations were relevant for Category-I drugs also and if so, what are the reasons for which the recommendations of this Committee in respect of Paracetamol was not accepted;

(c) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee also recommended that their recommendations would not be relevant in so far as drugs recommended for inclusion in Category-I are recommended by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and

(d) when the list of Category-I drugs received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was sent to Kelkar Committee?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While selecting Category II drugs for price control purposes, the list of Category I drugs was not available to the Committee. Consequently, while determining various principles for the selection of Category II drugs, those drugs were also considered by the Committee. Paracetamol was price controlled on the basis of the recommendation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(d) The list of Category I drugs received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was not sent to the Kelkar Committee.

Modernisation of Delhi Gate Telephone Exchange

3754. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the outdated Delhi Gate Telephone Exchange with the latest technology: and

(b) if so, what is the progress made in this regard and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Gate Exchange has two telephone exchange units. This exchange '27' will be replaced in the current year. The Delhi Gate '26' exchange is planned to be replaced in the year 990.

Abandonment of Tehri, Narmada and Bodhghat Projects to avoid devastations

3755. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all prominent public personalities including journalists, industrialists and retired civil servants have recently appealed to the Central Government to abandon forthwith Tehri, Narmada and Bodhghat projects as it would be an irreversibly folly to put concrete shackles on mighty rivers;

(b) whether Deoprayag, Haridwar and Rishikesh cities are likely to be devastated as a result thereof; and